Hardy Memorial
GLOBAL METHODIST CHURCH

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The mission of the Hardy Memorial Methodist Church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ who worship passionately, love extravagantly, and witness boldly.

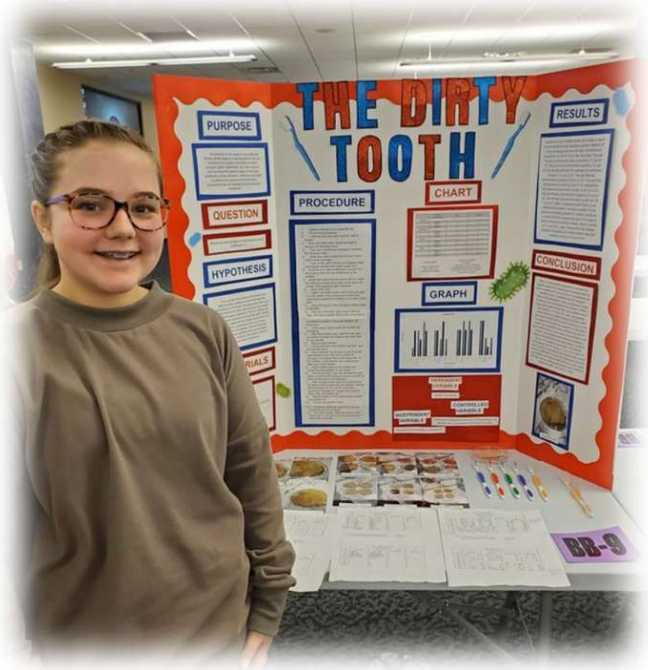
We're the Church with the Warm Heart

Hardy Happenings

Ash Wednesday Service

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday, March 5. After our 5pm dinner that evening, we'll adjourn to the sanctuary for this service. The service will feature scripture, prayer, preaching (by Kaleb Harp), and imposition of ashes. The theme of the service is repentance and reconciliation with God.

Alison Rae absolutely rocked the Red Lick Science Fair and the Regional Science Fair!



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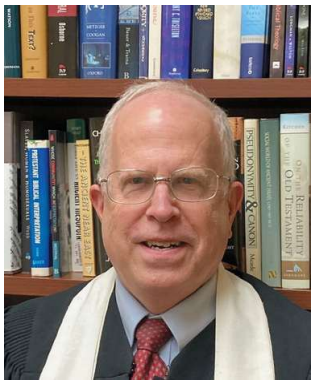

Rev. Richard

The Pastor's Page

Lent Is Coming

One of the ways we seek God during Lent is through taking up spiritual practices. Dallas Willard divides these practices into two categories, "disciplines of abstinence" and "disciplines of engagement." The disciplines of abstinence get the most attention (they're in view when we hear of someone "giving something up for Lent"), but both are important and fit well with the ethos of the Lenten season. For us here at Hardy Memorial, I'm going to suggest we share in one discipline of abstinence and two disciplines of engagement.

The discipline of abstinence I'm going to suggest is fasting. At its most basic fasting is not eating. Merely not eating isn't the point, however. The point of fasting for the Christian is to dedicate to God the time and resources connected with eating. It's for deeper focus on conversation with God. Beyond our habit of eating multiple meals (and snacks?) every day, there are limitations on fasting. Here is some advice mentioned by Adele Calhoun in her book on spiritual disciplines:

- Don't fast when you are sick, traveling, pregnant or nursing. People with diabetes, gout, liver disease, kidney disease, ulcers, hypoglycemia, cancer and blood diseases should not fast. [Some of you should consult your doctor before fasting.]
- Stay hydrated. Always drink plenty of water and fluids.
- If you are new to fasting, begin by fasting for one meal. Spend the time with God that you would normally be eating.
- Begin after supper. Fast until supper the next day. This way you miss 2, rather than 3, meals.
- Don't break your fast with a huge meal. Eat small portions of food. The longer the fast, the more you need to break the fast gently.

Some of you will be able to do a sort of modified fast, perhaps refraining for the period in view from some category of food (meat, sweets, gourmet food) or having only very simple food (water, apple, bread, etc.). Given the way my digestion works, fasting food is difficult, so I'll be fasting from Facebook. That may sound trivial, but it's become an unhealthy addiction for me.

The two disciplines of engagement I'm suggesting pertain to scripture. First, I challenge us to read the whole New Testament during Lent. We'll share reading guides to help you do that. Second, I challenge us to practice scripture memory. Here are a few you might choose from: John 3:16-17; 8:31-32; 14:6; 16:33; Romans 5:8; 8:1, 37-39; Psalm 23; Matthew 5:3-16; 11:27-30; 22:37-40; 28:19-20; Galatians 2:20; 5:22-23; Philippians 4:4-8, 13, 19.

If you'd like to explore Willard's work on spiritual disciplines in greater detail, here's a link to a video series I did on it a few years ago: *https://bit.ly/hardydisciples*

1 Corinthians 15:58

Rev. Richard Heyduck

Finance Update

One of John Wesley's famous sayings is "Earn all you can, save all you can, give all you can." Here in the first half of the 21st century we find Wesley's language clear and easy to understand, with no vestiges of archaic English that we often find in writings from 250 years ago. Or so it appears.

"Earn all you can" is straightforward: Get a job and be diligent at your work in that job. Apply yourself. Don't expect the world around you to take your responsibilities of self-care from you and provide for you while you lay back in idleness. This sounds good to us. Do we miss, however, that it can be taken too far? "Earn all you can" has been taken as a rationale for ignoring the Sabbath and for counting earning money as the most important activity in life to the detriment of all others.

"Give all you can" is an unsurprising sentiment to hear in a church context. We know we have bills to pay, debt to eliminate, and ministry to accomplish. As members committed to the life and ministry of the church we know we need to give all we can. We understand Wesley easily here. Well, Maybe.

What about the middle admonition, "Save all you can?" That looks pretty clear also: When you're earning all you can, keep a bank account. Set money aside for a rainy day. Plan ahead for large purchases so you won't be so reliant on debt. All this is good financial advice, but if that's all we see we miss a major part of what Wesley is saying. We also miss the countercultural element of the phrase.

When Wesley says, "Save all you can" the primary emphasis is not on "put money in the bank" but on "spend less" and on the "desire less" that lies behind spending less. This is harder, isn't it? In addition to basic needs (which can see in Maslow's Hierarchy), there are also needs that marketers tell us we need to meet. The marketers' hand is strengthened by recruiting our family, friends and neighbors to put the squeeze on us as well. We're constantly reminded of all the things and experiences (and upgrades to basic needs) that we should buy if we're going to be "cool," "hip," "good parents," or "of good reputation."

Once we realize that Wesley is teaching that we want less and therefore spend less, the third admonition "Give all you can" takes on more significance by expanding the "can." Once I spend money on all the things I think I need, once I put money into the bank for all the things I think I'll need someday, I find myself with very little left. Sure, as a Christian, I can take some of that and give it, but the amount I can give isn't very much of what I've earned.

Combine this "spending less so I have more to give" with faith and we find even more giving capacity. Do I believe God can take care of me and my family? While I believe my work that brings in income is important, is it the only factor in my family's well-being? Can I truly trust God in the area of money? Jesus seemed to think so. Wesley seemed to think so. Maybe we can try it out and see how it works.

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Finance Update

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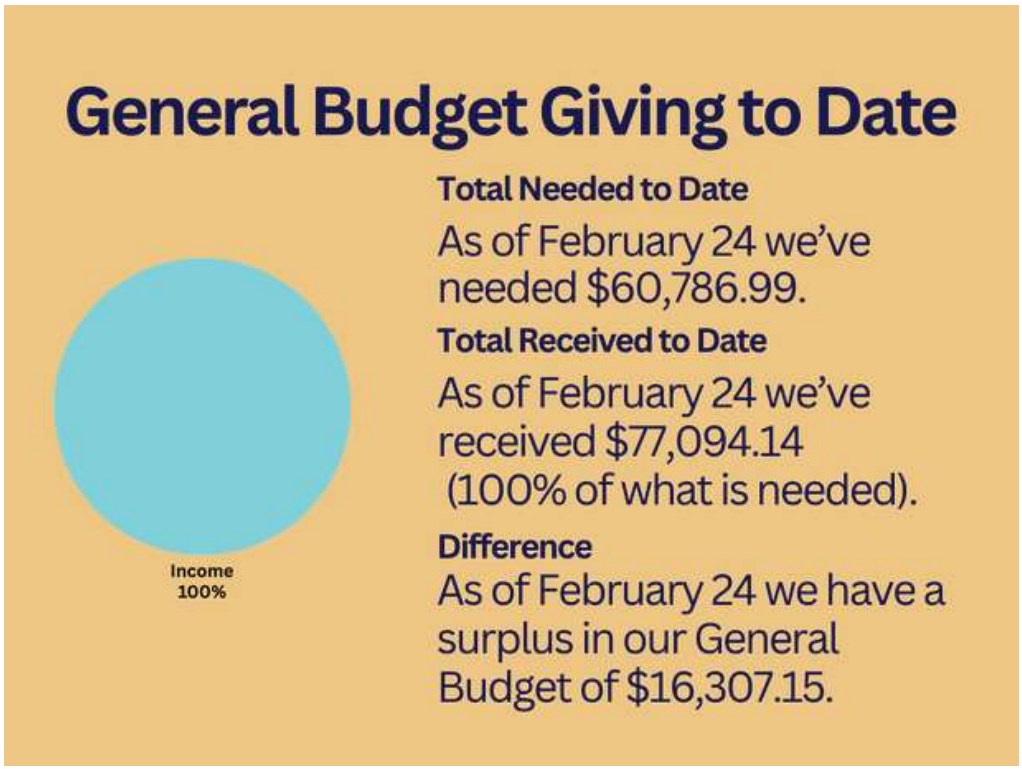
Two weeks in a row - the lack of red is exciting! Your faithfulness in prayer and giving makes a difference.


General Budget Giving to Date
Total Needed to Date
As of February 24 we've needed $60,786.99.
Total Received to Date
As of February 24 we've received $77,094.14 (100% of what is needed).
Difference
As of February 24 we have a surplus in our General Budget of $16,307.15.
Income
100%

Building Payment Giving to Date
Total Needed to Date
Our monthly payments are $10,895.11. In 2025 we've paid $21,790.22.
Total Received to Date
As of February 24, we've received $28,255.47.
Difference
As of today we're $6,465.25 ahead for the year.
Income
100%

MEMORIALS

Tana Ellyson
Jerry & Jennifer Black
Herman & Sara Barnett
Billy & MaryLu Stotts
Lou Pickens
John & Gloria Miller
Carlos & Sue Harvey
Jack & Lou Walton
Renda Gross
Carl & Charlotte Nyman
Jimmy & Lana Norwood
Laura Marlowe
Susan Evers
Emily Heyduck
Dennis & Rhonda Reed
Frank Howell
Chris & Jan Moser
Jim & Brenda Rochelle
David & Janet DeLaughter
Mary Lou Thornton
Barbara & Gaylon Owens
Donny & Becky Nelson
Gayle Sharp
Larry Rose

Ted Christie
Jerry & Jennifer Black
Laura Marlowe

Mary Brewington
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Bobbie Trimble
John & Gloria Miller
Renda Gross
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Ephesians Class
Larry Rose
Carlos & Sue Harvey
Chris & Jan Moser
Donny & Becky Nelson
Jerry & Jennifer Black

Don Stephens, Sr.
Jerry & Jennifer Black
Renda Gross
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Lou Pickens
Joe Strickland
Larry Rose
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Paul and Bonnie Miller
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Rubie Patricia Lancaster
John & Gloria Miller

Andy Robbins
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We uphold our vows

"As members of this congregation, we will faithfully participate in its ministries by our prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness."

Prayers

PLEASE PRAY FOR: All Hardy home-bound members, all nursing home residents, all our brave service men & women & their families, Morris David Aaron, Linda Akin, Joe Anderson, Leoda Autrey, Sharon Bell, Barbara Buffington, Betty Burnett, Lila C & Kids, Family of Ted Christie, Ethel Mae Edwards, Guy Ellyson, Kim Faughn, Berry Flournoy, Bryan Fountain, Karson Gilley, Noel Gilley, Debbie & Mike Gilliam, Herman & Quata Gilliam, Peggy Harris, Sue & Carlos Harvey, Richard Heyduck, Larry Hupp, Kerry James, Rebekah Johnson, Sue & Bob Jones, Mary Jordan, Shawn Latham, Janet Magee, Cesali Martin, Judy Matthews, Becki McConnell, Beth Melton, Bonnie & Paul Miller, Dottie Miller, John & Gloria Miller, Jared Nickel, Jimmy Norwood, Gaylon Owens, Tommy & Patti Pierce, Stephanie Pool, Jerry Dale Poore & family, Andy Robbins, Jim & Brenda Rochelle, Debbie Roberts, Riker Stinson, Don Stephens Jr., Elizabeth Stone, MaryLu Stotts, Sue Ward, Eli Watts, James & Martha Weems, Judy Westerman, Damon Whiseant, Don White, Reggie Windham, Al & Linda Woltman & son Wayne, Gary Womack, Patty & Tommy Younk, Hardy Memorial church finances & debt, Hardy Outreach opportunities, the economy, Ethiopia, Haiti, Iran, Israel, Pakistan, Sudan, Syria, Ukraine, Yemen, and our nation's leaders.

Prayer Band - Sundays at 5:00pm
You may join in person at the church

Submit your prayer requests with this QR code or by email: kristieawright@gmail.com

Presence

Average Attendance for Sunday worship in the last month: **187**

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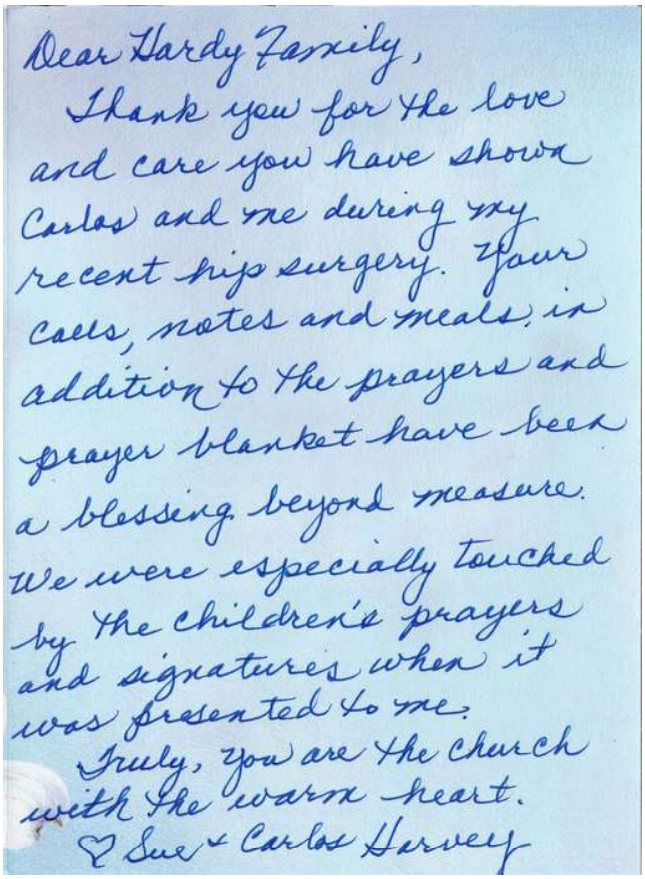
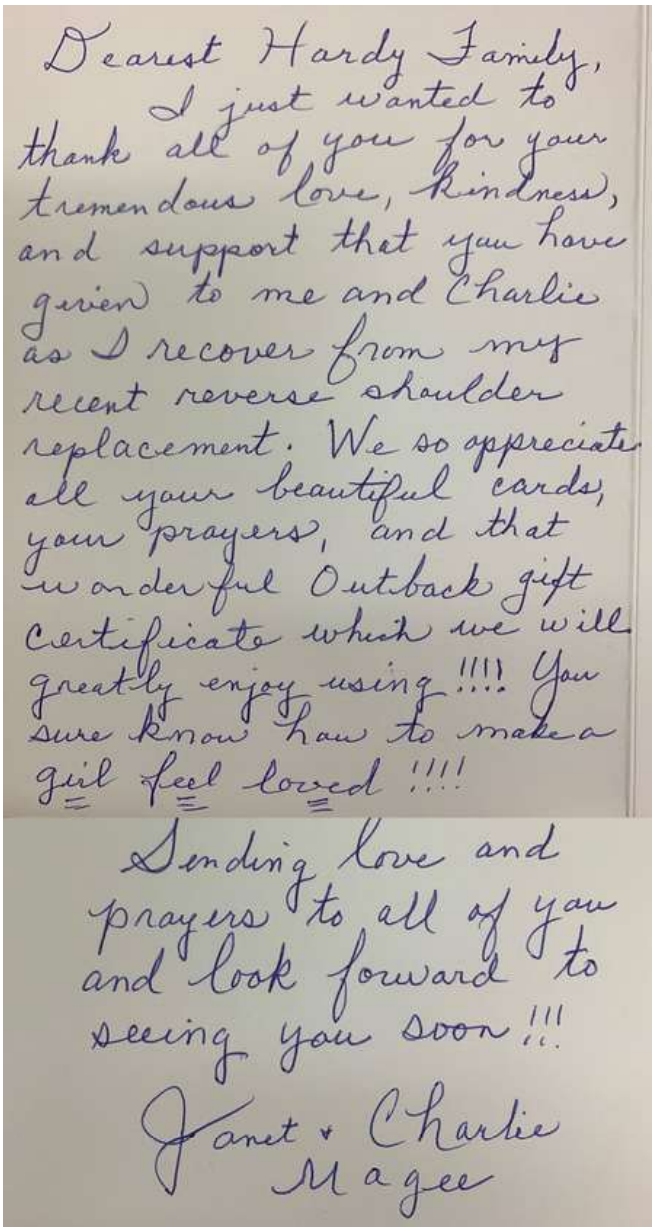

Dear Hardy Family,
Thank you for the love and care you have shown Carlos and me during my recent hip surgery. Your calls, notes and meals, in addition to the prayers and prayer blanket have been a blessing beyond measure. We were especially touched by the children's prayers and signatures when it was presented to me.
Truly, you are the church with the warm heart.
♡ Sue + Carlos Harvey

Thank You


Dearest Hardy Family,
I just wanted to thank all of you for your tremendous love, kindness, and support that you have given to me and Charlie as I recover from my recent reverse shoulder replacement. We so appreciate all your beautiful cards, your prayers, and that wonderful Outback gift certificate which we will greatly enjoy using !!!! You sure know how to make a girl feel loved !!!!
Sending love and prayers to all of you and look forward to seeing you soon !!!
Janet + Charlie Magee

Thank You

Dear friends of Hardy Methodist Church:

I am, and will forever be grateful for your outpouring of support during these past months. It is a wonderful feeling to know that so many good and caring Christians are keeping you and yours in their thoughts and prayers. Tana loved the church and the people in it. Although she was unable to attend for many months, she never missed a Sunday service on Facebook, and was always in contact with friends and members of the congregation through texts, calls and cards. Special thanks to those who provided food, and music and all the preparations that made her funeral service a fitting farewell. And a special thank you to the Hardy Youth who made her a poster with personal notes offering their prayers and good wishes. May God bless all of you, and keep you in the spirit of this, the Church with the warm heart.

With sincere Thanks, Guy Ellyson

Mark Your Calendars – Upcoming Events

(Also, please check the Calendar page 14 for additional regular monthly events.)

Hardy Memorial Methodist Men - Wednesday, March 5th, 7:00am

A great breakfast of bacon (lots), eggs, sausage, gravy, biscuits, and GRITS! Also, good fellowship, and each month a guest speaker is invited to speak on a topic of interest.

Scott Norton, Executive Director/CEO of TexAmericas Center reported at the February meeting on progress in bringing businesses and jobs to our area.

Hardy Methodist Women - Saturday, March 8th, 2025, @10:00 am

The Annual HMW Cookie Stroll was held on February 9th. $1109 was the amount raised for missions. Thank you to everyone who helped!

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Hardy Memorial Sunday Pot Luck Lunch - March 16th

Every 3rd Sunday after Services at noon
Menu: Methodist Men's Spaghetti Fundfaiser

Hardy Memorial Men's Lunch - Friday, Mar. 21st

Every 3rd Friday, Noon @ the Chuck Wagon in Nash, TX

Hardy Memorial Food Pantry - March 19th

Every 3rd Wednesday, 1:00pm

Thank you to all who generously donate to the Food Pantry so we can continue this outreach. The people we serve truly appreciate what they receive.

New Horizons Lunch & Bingo - March 24th @12:30pm

Join us for the regular meeting on the 4th Monday at 12:30pm., hosted by Great Plates.

The **Golf Cart Ministry** is back in action. Do you need a ride from your car to the church building? They'll be there for you.

Mark Your Calendars – Upcoming Events (cont'd)

Hardy Memorial Dinner Club - March 22nd @ 5:00pm

The Dinner Club will meet at Pier 27 Seafood Restaurant, 16095 AR-237, Doddridge, AR 71834

Congratulations, **Janet**, on your Lost Pizza gift card lucky draw of the month!

There were 35 Guests in attendance for our Lost Pizza dinner, and a great time was had by all!

A wonderful group of fun-loving Diners!

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Sunday School Services

Start at 9:45am-10:30am

For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them. (Matthew 18:20)

One - Two Year Old
Sue Jones & Alice McVey

3 - 4 Year Old
Katie Walz - Children's Classroom

Kindergarden - 1st Grade
Christi Heyduck & Sue Droske

2nd Grade - 3rd Grade
Beth Melton

4th Grade - 5th Grade
Bonnie Miller & Kristie Wright

Youth - 6th - Teens
Billy Whitt

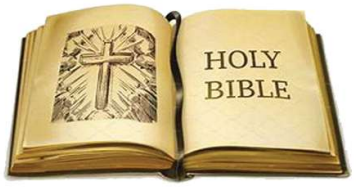
Faith Seekers
Shannan Whitt & Jerry Black

Service Class
Class Teachers rotate, Choir room

Ephesians Class
Paul Miller

G.I.F.T. Class
Class Teachers rotate

Weekly Bible Studies



Sunday - 6:00pm
> *Gospel of John* - led by Richard Heyduck

Wednesday - 10:30am
> *How God became King* - led by Richard Heyduck

Wednesday - 6:00pm
> *The Chosen - Season 4* - movie, facilitated by Jennifer Black
> *Everything You Need* - led by Mark Roberts
> *Ten Women of the Bible* - led by Christi Heyduck
> *Parenting - Gospel Principles that can Change Your Family* - led by Phillip & Julie Watson
> *The Band Meeting* - led by Brenda Rochelle
> *Discipleship and Disciple-making* - led by Danny Haflich

Thursday - 9:30am
> Women's Bible Study *The Gospel of John* - led by Rhonda Reed

Weekly Activities

> Yoga - Tuesday & Thursday @ 11:00am every week
> **Chancel Choir practice** - Wednesdays 7:00 - 8:00pm
> **Wednesday Night Meals** - @ 5:00pm
> Fit4Moms Exercise Group - Moms and their kids meet for exercise in the **Youth Lodge**.

Children's Department

- Birth to 5th Grade

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." - (Matthew 19:14)

Julianna Aaron - Children's Director:
hardykids@hardymemorial.org

Sunday School starts at 9:45am
Children's Church & Nursery during Worship

Children's Choir meets Sundays at 6:00 pm.

It is for children ages 4 Years thru 5th Grade. They practice each week learning songs they will sing in Sunday morning worship and in a seasonal musical (Easter & Christmas) that they will put on as a special event. For more information, contact Jessica Bilbo at Jessica.Bilbo@tasd7.net.

Children's Time with Mrs. Julie

It is a special blessing to be a part of this worship service.

The Lambs are coming!

Sunday, March 9th at 9:30 am in the Children's Dept. hall.

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Youth Department

6th Grade - 12th Grade

Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity. (1 Timothy 4:12)

Billy Whitt - Youth Director: hardyyouth@hardymemorial.org

Sunday School - 9:45am

Sunday Evening Activities

> Youth Music - Youth Band - time TBD

> Youth Activities - 5:30pm **-** 7:00pm

We are updating our Youth records. Please complete our information form using the QR code.

Sunday Evening Activities for March:

> 3/2 Decorate the Lodge (Snacks provided)
> 3/9 Board Games @ Lodge
> 3/16 Thank you cards @ Lodge
> 3/23 Movie Night @ Lodge
> 3/30 no afternoon youth
> 4/6 morning: Youth Sunday; afternoon: eat at Loca Luna

Youth making no-sew blankets for a local charity

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Calendar of Events

> Mar 5 Wed. 7:00am Hardy Memorial Methodist Men's Breakfast, 1st Wednesday
6:00pm Ash Wednesday Service - Meal at 5:00pm
> Mar 8 Sat. 10:00am Hardy Memorial Methodist Women, 2nd Saturday, Fellowship Hall
> Mar 9 Sun. 9:30am Lambs will visit in the Children's Dept. Hall
> Mar 11 Tues. 6:30pm Finance Committee meeting
7:30pm Church Council meeting
> Mar 16 Sun. 12:00pm Sunday Pot Luck Lunch, 3rd Sunday Noon - Methodist Men's Spaghetti Fundraiser
> Mar 19 Wed. 1:00pm Food Pantry, third Wednesday
> Mar 21 Fri. 12:00pm Methodist Men's Lunch, 3rd Saturday - @ Chuck Wagon, Nash, TX
> Mar 22 Sat. 5:00pm Hardy Memorial Dinner Club - at Pier 27 Seafood Restaurant, 16095 AR-237, Doddridge, AR 71834
> Mar 24 Mon. 12:30pm New Horizons, 4th Monday - Lunch & Bingo

Please have information for next month's newsletter submitted by Mar. 24th to Janet (903-824-8560) or *newsletter@hardymemorial.org*

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4	5 Methodist Men 7:00am Ash Wednesday	6	7	8 Methodist Women - 10:00am
9 Daylight Savings Time Lambs to visit	10	11 Finance, Church Council meetings - 6:30pm	12	13	14	15
16 Pot Luck Lunch 12:00pm	17 St. Patrick's Day	18	19 Food Pantry 1:00pm	20	21 Methodist Men's Lunch 12:00pm	22 Hardy Memorial Dinner Club- 5:00pm
23	24 New Horizons - 12:30pm	25	26	27	28	

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